

BIG COAL DEAL MADE BY CLARKSBURGERS

One of the largest coal deals in this section of the state within the past year or so has just been consummated by Jasper S. Kyle, Sheridan R. Griffin and Dr. A. B. Van Osten, of this city.

The sale consists of 6,000 acres situated in Wetzel and Doddridge counties and the purchasers are parties from Uniontown, Pa., who, it is believed, made the purchase for the United States Steel Company.

This large tract was bought a few years ago by Mr. Kyle and his associates at \$15 an acre, and it sold at \$30. The total cost to them was \$90,000 and they have sold it for \$180,000, thus making a profit of \$90,000.

The property consists of the Pittsburgh seam of bituminous coal and the field is quite desirable. The indication is that the field will be developed in the near future.

LAST FIGHT FOR FITZ

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—Old Fitzsimmons, the hero of three hundred ring battles and one time heavyweight champion, has fought his last fight. Fitzsimmons announced his retirement yesterday. He was still sore in body and much bruised. There was no sting to his defeat for he knew he had the sympathy of every ring follower. It was the Sullivan-Corbett fight over again and youth had its way.

Fitzsimmons said: "I guess the old man is all in as a fighter. A younger and a better man beat me, and I have no fault to find. I was beaten fairly and squarely and there is little more to be said. O'Brien was very fast and it was very hard for me to locate him. My punches lacked their old steam. Nature will not allow a fighter to go too far. I know it now, and shall never enter the ring again."

SHOPPERS CROWD THE CITY STREETS

Today was the busiest one for the local merchants that they have experienced during the holiday season. The weather was ideal for shoppers, being almost like a spring day. The excellent condition of the streets and sidewalks also greatly facilitated the task of getting the Xmas gifts for the friends and relatives.

The number of people in the city today was unusually large. Every street car coming into the city was packed to the doors, as well as the large number of buyers who drove to the city.

After today there only remains one more day in which to do the Xmas shopping, and the merchants are making extra preparations to accommodate the big rush which will occur tomorrow and tomorrow night. The display of goods of all kinds this year is the finest ever seen and the wise merchants who have advertised their stocks are now reaping their reward. From all accounts the volume of business being done this year far exceeds that of any other previous holiday season.

DIG PAY DAY WITH MINERS

Friday was pay day with the Fairmont Coal Company, the Clarksburg Fuel Company and other coal companies in this section. The pay was one of the largest in many months, the two companies mentioned paying out over \$200,000 in the Fairmont and Clarksburg regions.

RIVER RISING

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 22.—The Ohio river is rising at all points. Rain or snow is indicated and will probably increase the rise. The rise at Pittsburgh at 4.9 feet, at Parkersburg, 4.6 feet, at Point Pleasant, 2.7 feet and Cincinnati, 2.3 feet.

Joel F. Randolph, of Salem, was a visitor Friday. Scott Stuart was a promoter here from West Union.

THE ELKS LODGE BRINGS GOOD CHEER

John Jordan, a coal miner, his wife and three small children, were found on the streets today penniless and starving. They were sent to their former home at Everson on the M. R. by the local lodge of Elks. Jordan and family had a comfortable home, but went to Powell, W. Va., to work for a coal company, with an understanding that the company would transfer his household effects from Everson to Powell. The company for some reason or other failed to do this and Jordan after sleeping on straw for three weeks started to return to his former home.

Upon arriving at this city his money was exhausted, and he was roaming the streets at his wits end to provide food for his family, when by a happy chance he happened to pass the Elks room at the Waldo, where that lodge is dispensing its annual Xmas charity. Jordan stepped inside but before he had finished his story he was loaded down with provisions and transportation to his home was furnished him. Mr. Jordan departed humming a refrain that sounded like "they certainly was good to me," and he remarked that as for the Elks he and his family were their "servants always."

The relief department of the Elks this year is being conducted on the usual large scale. Quantities of groceries, provisions, clothing, hats, shoes and toys will be distributed tomorrow among the poor and needy. Many a poor unfortunate to whom Christmas is but an empty word, will this year have a warm spot in their hearts for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

ONE KILLED IN A WRECK

By Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 22.—One passenger was killed and six injured in a wreck on the Illinois Central six miles north of Holly Springs this morning. Two coaches on the northbound passenger train between Canton, Miss., and Cairo, were derailed and turned over a 25 foot embankment.

Mrs. James Wade, of Sidon, Miss., was crushed to death. Of the injured Dr. William Murphy, of Jackson, Tenn., will probably die.

NEW SOCIETY FORMED

The Empire Quartette is the latest musical society to be started in the city. The members all possess beautiful voices and they blend together harmoniously. The four have been rehearsing together for some time but will not make a public appearance until after the holidays.

The quartette is composed of Rue Heenan, first tenor; Sherman Jacob, second tenor; Frank Peck, first bass, and W. S. Ross, second bass.

A treat is in store for the lovers of vocal music when this bunch are ready to appear in public.

Funeral of Nicholas Post

The funeral of Nicholas Post, who died in Cook's hospital, at Fairmont Thursday morning, will take place from his late residence at Johnstown in this county at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning. The interment will be made at that place. Rev. C. A. Snider will be the officiating minister.

No Verdict Yet

The case against Helen May Peyton, charged with the murder of her husband went to the jury at 5 o'clock last evening and at 3:30 this afternoon the jury still had the case. They are not expected to return a verdict.

Lee Lyon, of Glen Falls, was in the city today on business.

Dr. W. H. Holden, of Wallace, spent Friday in the city.

Jefferson Parrish was here Friday. J. D. Pickens, of Quiet Dell, spent Friday in the city.

HARVEY CASE TO BE DECIDED BY JUDGE

Circuit court held a short session Friday and then took a recess until Saturday. The term will adjourn sine die at the close of the day.

At Saturday's session Judge C. W. Lynch will pass on the motion to set aside the verdict in the case of Charles Harvey, convicted of killing Ira Edgell several months ago at Brown.

Demurrer was made in the case of Joseph Snell against the Fairmont Coal Company.

Judgment for \$123.38 was given the Merchants' National bank against Stephen Snider and Abe Lowther.

In the case of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company against James O. Ditz and B. Frank Wilson, Wilson appeared by counsel and entered a plea of nil debit.

A motion to set aside a verdict in the case of M. F. Shingleton against Peter L. Hoffman for \$61.75 was overruled.

XMAS DECORATIONS

Keeping in line with general holiday decoration the Traders cafe is nowadays a place of beauty. The absence of real snow is not noticed so real does the frosty decorations appear. While it may look frosty there is nothing cold about the reception given you at the Traders. Messrs. Ashmead and Fair are wishing every one a Merry Xmas and no strings go with the greeting. The decorating was done by a well known New York artist, as a special favor to the courteous attendants.

K. OF P. MEETING

The Knights of Pythias held their regular meeting last night at the hall in Glen Elk. In addition to the regular business, officers for the coming year were nominated. They will be balloted on at the next meeting.

CUPID BEGINS TO GET BUSY

Cupid is beginning to get busy for Christmas and the mistletoe will soon be much in evidence as well as the preacher. The county clerk and his deputies are cognizant of these facts, made so by the rush of business in the marriage license line. Several were issued Friday afternoon as follows:

Udo Charles Plumb and Dora B. King, Benjamin F. Jones and Mary E. Goodwin, William M. Cottrill and May Williams, Francis J. Russell and Byrd Morris, and Clarence W. Lively and Cora E. Skinner.

Oil News

On Coldwell's run, Wetzel county, the South Penn. Oil Co. has a very good producer at its No. 1 on the S. C. Kughan farm. The well produced 175 barrels the first 24 hours after it was drilled into the second Gordon pay.

In the Folsom district, this county, the same company's No. 2, the S. A. Cavalier farm is holding up at 135 barrels a day. These are the only two deep sand wells now producing 100 or more barrels a day.

College Boys Home

Arriving home Friday morning from Rock Hill College at Ellicott City, Md., were William Canfield, Percy Byrd, Joseph Moran, William Sherry, Jr., James Brennan, Clifford MacManaway, Philip Clifford, John Siers, John Latstetter and Hugh Canfield, to spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Street Cars Stop

The street cars all over the system stopped short today about one o'clock this afternoon and remained motionless for over an hour. The natural gas at the power house was in some manner taken off the boilers and the power necessary to move the cars could not be supplied.

George Trainor was in the city from Salem Friday.

I. C. Bishop, of Rockford, spent Friday in the city and attended the county court and the poultry show.

B. & O. Freight Conductor Morrison, who has been ill at the City hospital, the past five weeks with typhoid fever, was discharged today cured.

COURT PASSES ON PETITIONS

The county court Friday adjourned until Tuesday.

A tract of 13.13 acres charged to Edgar E. Richter, in Clay district, was ordered stricken from the book, the land belonging to another.

A lot charged to C. R. Heater, in Tenmile district at \$200 and house at \$500 was ordered off, the same being charged to Thomas B. Pepper.

Idea C. Bishop's land of 148.80 acres in Grant district was reduced from \$32 to \$30 an acre on motion of Tax Commissioner L. L. Young.

Joel F. Randolph, of Salem, was appointed constable for Tenmile district, taking the place of F. M. Davisson, resigned.

An exoneration was allowed C. R. Heater on \$325 for 1904 and 1905. The court rejected petitions as follows:

D. F. Haggerty, 58 acres, Sardis district.

J. Allen Swiger, 126 acres, Eagle district.

Emma Fordyce, house and lot, Coal district.

A. F. Wagner, house and lot, Coal district.

Wagner & Gaylord, house and lot, city.

John A. Davis, 103 acres, Eagle district.

John A. Webb, 23 acres, Sardis district.

Reductions granted were as follows:

C. D. Weidenhamer, house and lot, from \$3,200 to \$2,500.

Ida B. Fleming, land, from \$40 to \$35 an acre.

A. F. Wagner, house, from \$2,300 to \$2,000.

C. M. Gaylord, house, from \$2,200 to \$1,900.

Paul L. Flanagan, house, off.

E. F. Hurst, lot, from \$2,340 to \$2,300.

POULTRY SHOW CLOSED TODAY

Today was the third and last day of the Clarksburg Poultry and Pet Stock Association exhibition, and it brought to a close the most satisfactory meeting in all respects ever held by the association. The show this year in the number of entries and attendance far exceeded the most sanguine hopes of the promoters.

The fowls were all judged yesterday and the work of awarding the premiums took place today. As there were so many birds to be scored the complete list could not be obtained today. Tomorrow's list of all winners and the prizes awarded them will be published.

The exhibition has done much in the interest of raising and breeding prize poultry, and if it is possible an even larger and more successful show can be looked for next year.

SPINAL MENINGITIS FATAL TO THREE

By Associated Press. Newport, R. I., Dec. 22.—Seaman apprentice Robert Cremor, of the Naval training station, whose home is in Indiana, died at the Naval hospital today of spinal meningitis, making the third death in ten days from this disease. There are now eight other cases under treatment.

Birth Means Wealth

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—A daughter was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Clark, of San Mateo. As soon as the birth of the child was announced her grandfather, Senator W. A. Clark, sent word that he would settle upon her a dowry of \$1,000,000. The Senator established a precedent of giving \$1,000,000 to each of his grand children at birth several years ago when a child was born to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Clark, Jr.

E. W. Wells will make an extensive trip after the holidays and expects to go to Vermont before his return. On the trip he will visit Cleveland, which he pronounces the best city in the United States.

John Williams was a business visitor here Friday from Marshallville.

REVENUE MEN INTERCEDING FOR SHRIVER

Morgantown, Dec. 22.—Collector of Internal Revenue William E. Glascock has prepared a petition to District Attorney Reese Blizard on behalf of William Shriver, of Monongalia county, who was indicted by the federal grand jury for sending a dun through the mails on a postal card. Mr. Shriver is summoned to appear before the Federal Court in January to answer the indictments and has given bond for his appearance. The petition asks that the indictment be nolleed, or that it be not prosecuted. The reasons for the request are set forth.

It is stated that the said William Shriver was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war and served throughout the struggle with distinction. He was captured and thrown into prison, being held both at Andersonville and Libby. When he was finally released, he was broken in health and mind, and although he has recovered his physical strength to some extent, he is a child mentally and perfectly harmless.

It is further represented that after the war, Shriver went into business with one Riley Hoffman, upon whose statement the indictment was found. After the dissolution of the partnership, it is alleged that Hoffman was well-to-do and that Shriver has nothing, though he owned a good farm in this county before he went into business. He has believed ever since that Hoffman owes him money and for this reason he wrote the postal card.

The petition has been signed by the members of the county court, the county and circuit clerks, the sheriff, prosecuting attorney and other county officers.

Shriver was indicted for a similar offense when Mr. Sturgis was district attorney and he is willing to sign the petition.

WOOL GROWERS HOLD MEETING

The State Wool Growers' and Sheep Breeders Association met here in annual sessions Thursday afternoon and night with a very good attendance and much interest.

Prof. C. D. Smith, of the Michigan Experiment station, made the principal address on "Sheep Feeding in Michigan," dealing in detail with the construction of barns and the methods and telling about the raising of winter lambs on an extensive scale in that state.

Resolutions were passed and officers were elected as follows, after which the association adjourned to meet in Charleston the last week in January, 1907:

Rev. Archibald Moore, of Mannington, president.

James Beall, of Wellsburg, vice president.

J. B. Heintz, of Wheatland, secretary.

The sessions were profitable and instructive to all who attended.

STATE CAN HAVE CHANGE OF VENUE

By Associated Press. Columbus, O., Dec. 22.—The State Supreme Court today in the case of the State vs. McCarty, charged with murder in Madison county, ruled that the State has the same right to a change of venue in criminal actions as the accused.

Charred Remains Buried

The fragments of the charred remains of William and Jefferson Davis, who perished in the fire that destroyed Garry Davis' home near Johnstown Thursday morning, were buried at Johnstown Friday morning.

Governor Irwin Dead

By Associated Press. Keokuk, Ia., Dec. 22.—John N. Irwin, former governor of Arizona and Idaho, mayor of Keokuk, head of a wholesale mercantile company, died today at Hot Springs, Ark. He was born in Ohio. He was at one time editor of the Fort Wayne, Ind., Gazette.

Mrs. Sydney Haymond was here from Quiet Dell Friday shopping.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED IN ALL POLAND-RUSSIA

DAIRY MEN IN SESSION

The State Dairy Association met in the Knights of Pythias building in Glen Elk Friday morning in annual session and held another session in the afternoon.

B. F. Mann, of Fort Spring, president of the association, delivered his annual address, which proved interesting and able.

A. E. Johnson discussed "The Silo" in an instructive manner. J. R. Wells talked entertainingly about "Handling Dairy Cows."

W. K. Brainerd discussed ably "The Dairy Stable."

Prof. C. D. Smith, of Michigan, also made a good address.

At the afternoon session W. K. Brainerd, secretary of the association, discussed "The Home Dairy" and others talked upon interesting subjects, and at 3:30 o'clock the judging of butter exhibits was begun by Prof. Smith, following which came the election of officers.

B. I. L. MEETING

The regular meeting of the B. I. L., Local No. 105, has been changed from December 24 to the second Sunday in January. All members will kindly make a note of this and "watch themselves" accordingly.

Broadus Holiday

Broadus Institute closed Friday for the holidays and most of the students have gone to their homes to spend Christmas. The Institute will re-open Wednesday, January 3, 1906, and then continue the winter term, which is one of the most successful so far in the history of the school.

GLASS WORKS OBSERVE XMAS

The West Fork Glass factory will close down at 12 o'clock midnight tonight. This stoppage is made to reset the blocks and make other repairs as well as to allow the employees to observe Xmas.

be resumed at the plant Tuesday night, providing repairs are completed.

The Adamston Cooper will close at noon Saturday Christmas, and will open Tuesday morning.

A good many of the employees are leaving to spend the holidays with their relatives and friends at their homes, but all will return to resume work on Monday.

FIRST MINISTER TO NORWAY CHOSEN

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Albert H. D. Pierce, third assistant secretary of state, has been selected by the President as the first American minister to Norway. Charles Denby, chief clerk of the state department, has been determined upon as successor to Mr. Pierce in the state department. Official announcement is also made that David Thompson, former minister to Brazil, will be chosen ambassador to Mexico.

Buys Livery Barn

James E. Williams has purchased the livery of the Clarksburg Transfer Company and now has his headquarters there. The business purchased is being run in connection with that of his barn on Second street.

W. T. Owens, of the medical department of the W. Va. university, is home for the holidays.

William K. Thompson was here Friday from Bridgeport.

W. S. Meredith was here from Fairmont Friday attending circuit court and attending to business matters.

By Associated Press. Warsaw, Dec. 22.—A proclamation by the governor-general was gazetted here today establishing martial law in all the ten governments of Russian Poland and appointing ten temporary military governor-generals.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Dispatches from various points show a general strike has begun. Stores are closed and railway traffic has ceased.

AGITATOR SUES EDITOR ROBINSON

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 22.—John J. Robinson, editor of the Lonaconing Star and Frostburg Herald, has been arrested at Frostburg on a warrant procured by William M. Ward, organizer of the United Mine Workers of America, charging him with criminal libel. The alleged libelous article was published November 16, Wardjon being charged with attempted criminal assault on a Miss May Beech at the Hotel Gladstone, Frostburg, last May.

Mr. Robinson waived an examination and demanded a jury trial. He gave bond for his appearance.

MURDER SUSPECTED

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, O., Dec. 22.—George Beluchi, an Italian shoemaker, was found dead in a room on Channing street today with his throat cut and a bullet wound in the abdomen. His money was untouched. The police suspect murder.

STEER CLAIMED BY TWO MEN

Justice James N. David decided an interesting action in detainee Thursday evening. It was that of David O. M.